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SUBJ: CUBANA ROUTES TO MONTREAL

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1. SLIVITZKY TOLD TCO FEB 25 HE WILL BE MEETING IN MONTREAL
FEBRUARY 26 WITH CUBANA OPERATIONS MANAGER TO DISCUSS
INAUGURATION OF SERVICE. CUBANA PLANS FLY TWICE A WEEK
(WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY/MONDAY) FROM MONTREAL TO HAVANA;
NO OTTAWA SERVICE ENVISAGED AT THIS TIME. AIR CANADA
PLANS TO FLY ONCE A WEEK, STARTING ABOUT MAY 1, BUT ONLY FROM
TORONTO TO HAVANA.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE CHARTER ROUTE FROM MONTREAL WHICH
HAS BEEN AND IS USED BY AIR CANADA AND WHICH IT INTENDS TO
RECOMMEND TO CUBANA:

MONTREAL
ALBANY
JFK
NORFOLK
CAROLINA BEACH (OVER OCEAN)
BISCAYNE
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HAVANA

3. FOLLOWING IS THE CHARTER ROUTE FROM TORONTO WHICH
AIR CANADA INTENDS USE FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES:

TORONTO
DUNKIRK
ELLWOOD CITY
ELKINS
PULASKA
COLUMBIA, S.C.
SAVANNAH
JACKSONVILLE
ORLANDO
MIAMI
BISCAYNE BAY
MARATHON
HAVANA

4. PRIOR TO OUR CONVERSATION, SLIVITZKY HAD OBTAINED
THE CZECH ROUTE--BASED ON A SINGLE FLIGHT PLAN FILED BY
AIR CANADA ON BEHALF OF CSA--WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

MONTREAL
ALBANY
KENNEDY
NORFOLK
HAW RPT HAW
PANAL RPT PANAL
PAVER RPT PAVER
SQUID RPT SQUID
PALME RPT PALME
BIMINI
ZOLA
HAVANA

5. SLIVITZKY COULD NOT CORRELATE THIS WITH THE
APPROVED ROUTES GIVEN IN REFTTEL, BUT WILL MAKE INQUIRIES
IN AIR CANADA ORGANIZATION. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT AIR
CANADA DOES NOT YET HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CUBNA
COVERING FILING OF FLIGHT PLANS.
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6. COMMENT: SLIVITZKY APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN
RESPONDING TO OUR INQUIRIES AND SAID HE HAD BEEN
ADVISED OF OUR INTEREST BY BOTH EXTAF AND MOT.
CUBANA OFFICIAL MENTIONED PARA ONE WILL BE WITH
SLIVITZKY ABOUT NOON ON FEBRUARY 26 AND WILL REMAIN
IN MONTREAL PERHAPS THROUGH FEBRUARY 28. SLIVITZKY
BELIEVES ANY DISCUSSION WITH CUBANA ON ROUTING SHOULD

TAKE PLACE IN NEXT FEW DAYS AS AIR CANADA'S
COMMUNICATIONS WITH HAVANA ARE NOT GOOD.

7. TCO REMINDED SLIVITZKY, AS WE HAD EXTAF AND MOT,
THAT WE EXPECT CUBA TO APPLY FORMALLY FOR PERMISSION
TO OVERFLY AND THAT THIS, SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, HAD
NOT BEEN DONE. SLIVITZKY PROMISED TO MENTION THIS AND
INDICATED THAT IN HIS VIEW CUBA'S FAILURE TO DO SO
BY NOW RESULTED FROM AN OVERSIGHT AND NOT FROM ANY
DELIBERATE POLITICAL DECISION TO FLOUT THE U.S.
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